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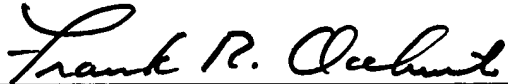
We have amended the title to provide a clearer indication of the invention to which the claims are directed. We acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features recited in the base and intervening claims. Accordingly, we have amended claims 2, 9, and 16 to be in independent form and have amended dependent claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, and 17 to depend from an independent claim. We have also canceled claims 1, 8, and 15.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-4, 8, 10-11 and 15 as anticipated by Ho (U.S. 5,363,419). We submit that the Examiner's rejections of claims 1, 8, and 15 are moot in view of applicants' having canceled these claims. We further submit that the remaining claims are allowable in view of applicants' amendments. We submit that the this application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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